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PRESIDENT'S REPORT ~ MAY 2021:

“Two steps forward, one step back”.

That is how it feels at the moment. Just as we returned to being fully open another case of Covid was found and masks were reintroduced. As we stand at the time of writing this masks are the only restriction still in place. Hopefully that will be rescinded early next week. We are still advised to try and keep the 1.5 metre distance wherever possible.

Although the workshop is fully open we seem to be down on numbers. Our opening seems to have coincided with people being away. Whilst members may be in short supply it was very pleasing to see four new members start their journey into woodturning. At the same time, I know there are new members beginning, or waiting, to begin carving, scroll sawing and pyrography.

There have been several work parties in recent weeks. I have written before about the generous donation of dry wood, ready for turning, from a deceased estate. This had a double benefit, dry wood for the club and clearing out two sheds and a garage for the owner. Also a recent working group spent some time cutting wood at Alan Smith's property. I need to remind members that there is lots of wood at Alan's. Some of it is already cut, stacked and under cover. If we don't use it the wood only deteriorates and then Alan disposes of it as firewood. Also at Alan's, the horizontal band saw has a new blade and is cutting beautifully. That comes from personal experience having recently slabbed some wood. At \$1 a cut I can't think of better value for little effort. My thanks to those members who have taken part in all those recent work groups.

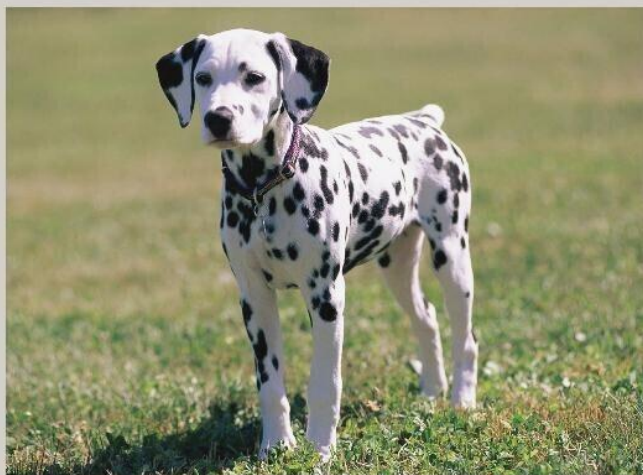
I can't omit a reference to our recent General Club Meeting held at the beginning of May. There were 20 members at the meeting which was a great return to our monthly meetings. Don't forget the next meeting will be on June 5th at 12.30 pm (just after mid-day). I still don't know if we will have a BBQ before the meeting. Meetings are still held at the Milk Factory plus, you need to bring a chair.

We are aware that a number of you are not receiving any information from the Club. If you know of anyone who is not getting our emails please let somebody on the Board know. The emphasis is on you to inform us, we cannot telephone every member to check. Remember to check that they are a fully paid up member.

Finally, here's a word about parking at the Milk Factory. The number of parking places has been further reduced by the introduction of a stage and permanent seating. We have yet to see the effect the 'boom gate' will have when that comes into operation. The Factory management has told us that we must not reserve too many places. In the past we have always tried to keep a couple of places for members with mobility difficulties. It is difficult to retain these reserved spots if we are uncertain of the individual's attendance.

So, we must be thankful that we are slowly emerging from the necessary restrictions placed on us in response to the pandemic. The Club is in a positive position, ready to move forward into the 'new normal', whatever that may hold. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on June 5th.

Peter



Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. ~ Robert A. Heinlein

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday 2nd May 2021

The meeting was opened at 12.30 pm by President Peter Hamilton.

This was our first meeting back after a very long break due to the global pandemic.

Minutes taken by Dom Pirlo

Guest Speaker:

There was no guest speaker at this meeting.

Show and Tell:

There was no "Show and Tell" at this meeting.

Attendance: 20 members, 0 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

Apologies: Garry Buckman, Frank and June Barton, Brian and Lesley Duncan, Alan Smith, Mark Board, Phil Clements, Tony Hartman, Ron Gibbs, Sue Wood, Barry Pike, Carole Jennings, Bob Norris, Reg and Lois Watt

Welfare:

Neville Heap and Peter Shelvey's wife passed away. The Club's condolences were forwarded to the families.

Minutes: As the last Monthly Meeting of the Club was in December 2019, they were not read as any matters arising from that meeting have been dealt with by the Board.

Moved Jack Carruthers, seconded Brian Wilson, that this be accepted. Carried.

Life Membership: President Peter congratulated Bob Bamforth on his Life Membership of the Club and presented him with his Life Membership badge.



Correspondence:

Inwards:

✚ Numerous e-mails.

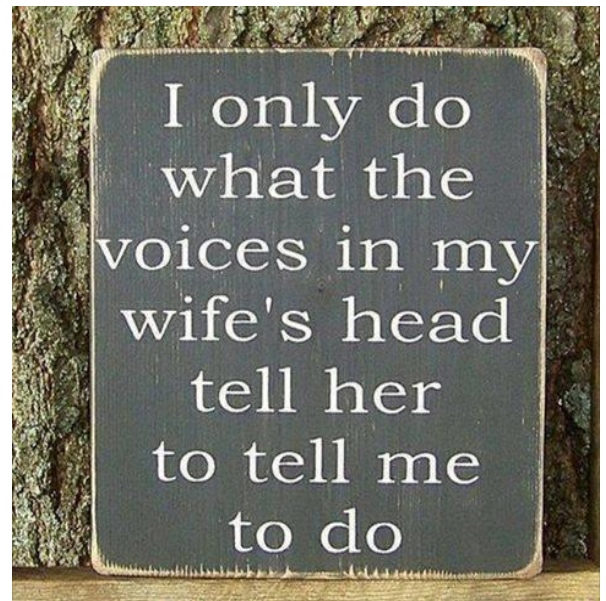
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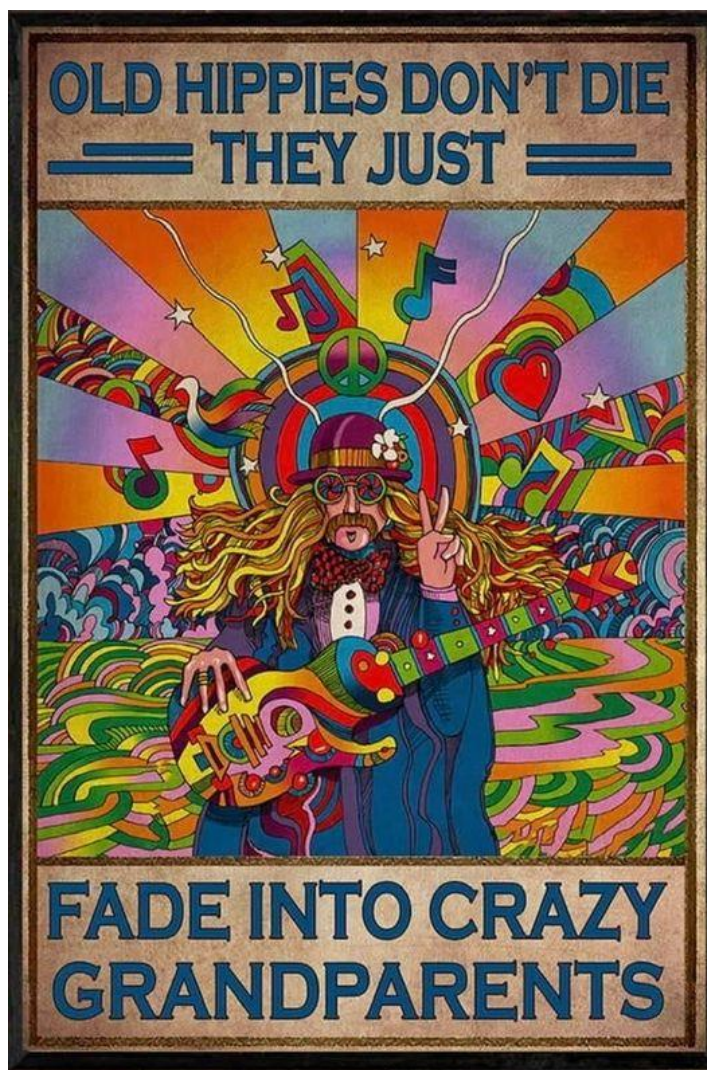
✚ Brian Wilson answered lots of email enquiries re: membership, opening hours, training etc.

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil.

President's Report:

Firstly, you cannot believe how grateful I am that we are all able to meet together today for the first time since our March meeting in 2020. The past thirteen months have been incredibly challenging to all of us in so many ways and I don't think we should underestimate the toll it has taken on everybody. I also think, once again we should be incredibly grateful that we live in Australia, rather than in many other countries of the developed world that have paid a heavy price for indecisive government. However, we must still be on our guard as the threat is still at large, close to our shores.





**WHENEVER
SOMEBODY CALLS
ME UGLY, I GET
SUPER SAD AND
HUG THEM
BECAUSE I KNOW
HOW HARD LIFE IS
FOR THE VISUALLY
IMPAIRED.**

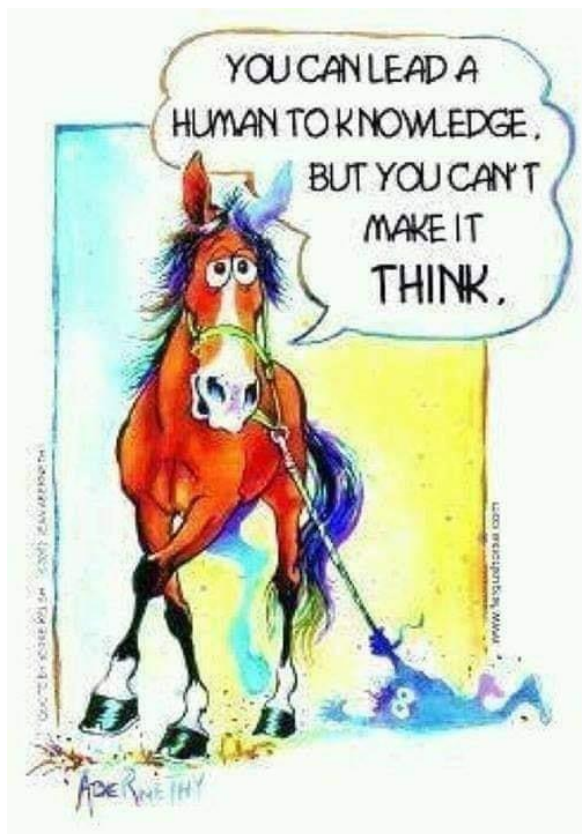
With regard to the Club, hopefully, we have overcome the worst of the pandemic and with widespread take up of the vaccine we are on the up. The club was closed under lockdown but with the easing of restrictions we were able to re-open in August. We were under severe restriction as to the numbers of members we could accommodate in different parts of the workshop. We also abided by the 4 square metre rule and 1.5m safe distance. This meant we could only use 5 lathes. Only two people were allowed in the carvers' room. Disinfecting and cleaning requirements made it more sensible to close the tearoom.

With only five lathes available the board decided that we should operate a rota system to ensure everybody who wished to use the workshop got a fair opportunity. In order to maintain social distance we had to suspend all teaching, meaning we could not accept new members who required tuition. With only two people allowed in the carver's room members of the carver's group decided to wait before meeting again.

The Board resumed face to face meetings in July and discussed a series of ways to make sure we could re-open but maintain the safety of members. This safety was our main priority at all times. Workshop managers were appointed and the success of the Club during this period was due, in no uncertain ways, to the efforts of quite a number of people. The shop was only slated to be open for an hour on Saturday morning. Thanks to Dom, our secretary, and Garry, the treasurer, who kept a careful eye on finances. Kerry and Laurie opened up during most times the Club was open. The Board continued meetings each month and ensured the safe operating of the Club. But most of all we owe a huge debt to our workshop managers, Rooster and Skeeta and, latterly, Ron. Whilst we have been unable to offer tuition our experienced turners have been available to give guidance and design suggestions when requested.

Sue has marshalled the carver's group and kept all informed while Valda has demonstrated pyrography to some new members.

Most of all, the club, if not exactly prospering, did survive the period of closure and the worst effects of the pandemic. That is down to the members who grasped the severity of the



situation and supported the board and club managers in every way requested of them.

All the way through the past 13 months we have had a steady flow of enquiries regarding membership. These were dealt with by Skeeta. In the majority of cases we had to put people off, asking them to watch our website for an announcement when we would recommence instruction. A few new members were recruited as they already had experience in turning or carving. These people were invited to attend the club and their ability was assessed.

Without doubt we had a few members who did not renew their membership during the closure. We anticipate a number of these people will now return to financial membership.

As well as instruction in the workshop commencing soon Skeeta will restart the course of training for more instructors in woodturning.

This is the first general meeting of the Club since March 2020. As we were unable to hold our AGM the members of the board agreed to continue to serve until we could hold an AGM. As it quickly became apparent that this

would not be soon, the board decided that we would continue until the normal AGM date in September. Unfortunately, we have lost some board members due to movement or personal reasons. This is the time when we need to start thinking ahead and seeking new people for next year's board.

Whilst the lockdown may have seemed like a period of rest and recuperation, it has been incredibly draining and after three years it might be time to seek a new president. Some of our board members have been on the board for many, many years, and they too are seeking a rest. Please think of anyone you think would be an asset for the board and don't be bashful if you would like to put your own name forward. If we are to keep a strong vibrant club we need new people with fresh ideas.

I need to thank Alan for managing to get some copies of the HT out during the past months. It is a very onerous task producing the HT and when things are not happening he can struggle for club content.

Another successful Craft Extravaganza, organised by our treasurer Garry, was held recently. Whilst we might not have got the number of visitors we would have liked, once again it was very successful in getting the Club 'out there' and engendered quite a lot of interest.

Thanks to Skeeta the club trailer has had a complete restoration and in a new configuration is available for the use of any member, when its use is related to club activities. Following a board decision to purchase new tables, and the threat of possible serious injury the old table could cause owing to their poor condition, we now have new folding tables for the use of the sales group.

As is usual after such a long period of absence I am bound to have forgotten some people who deserve special mention. If so I apologise and thank them.

It is still necessary to sign the book when entering the club premises. We are also operating the QR sign in procedure operated by Service NSW. Please use this facility if you have the APP. Regardless of what you think it is a courtesy to other members and the safety of the Club.

Moved Kevin West, seconded Brian Wilson – that the President's report be accepted. Carried.



Financial Report: Garry presented his financial report as follows:

I write this knowing that I will not be attending the monthly meeting. I have a head cold, the second in four weeks so I know I am not too contagious, but better to not put anyone at risk.

Normally, I would report on the expenses and income for the previous month, but since we have not had a meeting for more than a year now this would not give a good reflection to our financial state at this time.

Although our bank balance has dropped over the past twelve months, I would ask that no-one get too worried about it. Income for the past year is significantly down and our major costs, rent, insurance etc, have remained at almost their normal rate; however we are still financially ok.

Having said this I have recently made a more detailed submission to the board and put a motion that we increase the 2021-22 membership dues by \$5 to \$45, after some discussion this motion was approved and your fees, due from July, will be \$45.

Our membership numbers have dropped from 120 in the 2019-20 period to only 80 odd who are currently financial, however, I am sure that many of those that have not already paid this year's dues have not done so intentionally, but just because they have not been anywhere near the workshop. If you have not already paid your 2020-21 dues, you can still pay them (\$40) now.

I will return to just month by month reporting as of next meeting and do a much more detailed report at our AGM in a few months.

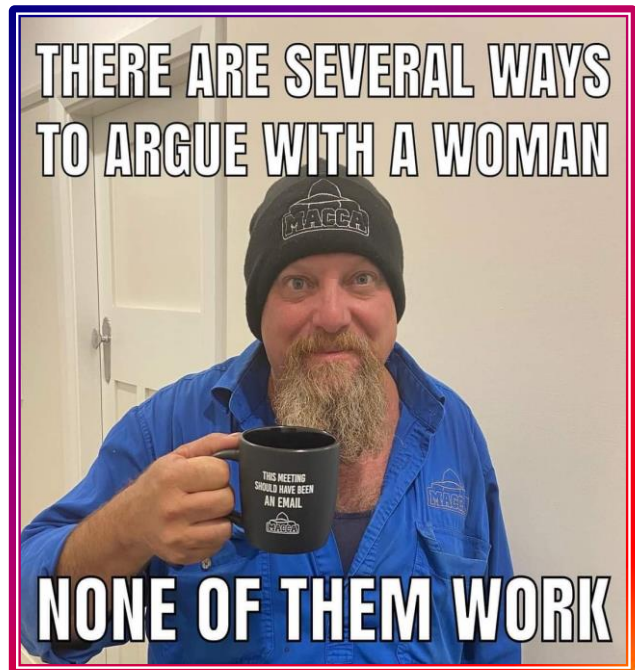
The last two things that I would like to report on are the two craft extravaganza day's we have held in the last year. Although this April's numbers were down a little from last Novembers, even though the April weather was a lot more kind to us, I believe the event was well supported and worth running and there was a clear profit on both shows, \$350 and \$240

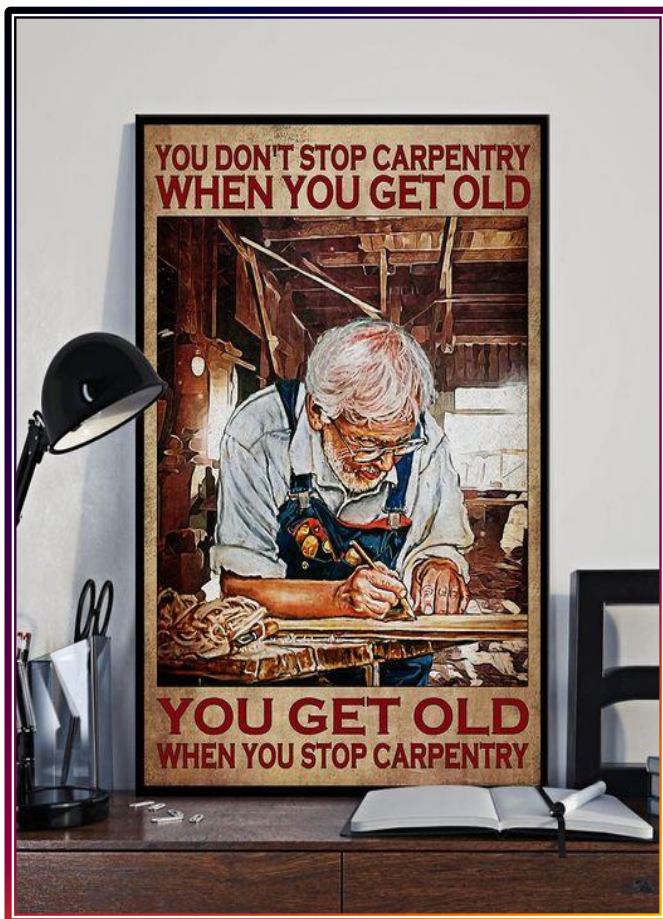
respectively. This profit has been donated to the Black Dog organisation. We intend to run it again in November and, as we did for the first 3, invite the other crafts to attend, demonstrate and sell. We did not do this in April. I would like to thank all that attended and supported these events, but in particular those members that demonstrated i.e. Laurie, Jane, Kevin and Valda and the two we just always know will be there and do what is needed, Rooster and Skeeta. It must be remembered that most of these people did not have items on the sales table but were there prior to and on the weekend, from my side it is much appreciated.

Again I am sorry I can't present this in person, or answer any of your questions, but I will always be available if you need to talk about the club.

... Garry Buckman

New Members: Mr Ron Cathcart
Mr Raymond Moalem (Mimi)
Miss Kimberly Mackay
Miss Gemma Mackay.
Mr Angel Raul Gomez (Mirta)
Mr Matt Jaurez (Jess)
Mr Alan Wood (Helen)
Mrs Helen Wood (Alan)
Mr Paul Cosgrove





Other Reports:

Workshop: David Farrell has resigned as Maintenance Officer and as Board member due to personal reasons. The Club thanks David for the great contribution he made to the Club through his time and for sharing his expertise while in this role. Mark Board has agreed to undertake the role of Maintenance Officer with Kerry Robertson's assistance.

Kerry Robertson reported that the Club Shop sales are going well. The price of Stylewood keeps increasing at a rather alarming rate.

Correct use of the Club band saws remains an issue. Members must use this equipment correctly as many blades have been damaged through improper use. A bi-metal blade has been purchased.

Carvers: This section is going steadily under the tuition of Kevin West and Sue Wood.

Toys: John Lea reported that the Toy Fund is going well.

John mentioned that he appreciated the "Thank You" card he received for assisting a member by opening the workshop at short notice so the member could search for a "lost item". (Too often we tend to take John's tremendous contribution to

the Club for granted.)

Members using the workshop are asked to avoid putting wood off-cuts in the green bin.

Christmas Luncheon: John Lea has made a booking for 31st October 2021. More details at a later date.

Library: Members with library books are asked to return them. Please fill out the cards. Books can be re-borrowed if necessary.

Lolly Bowls: Members are asked to assist by making lolly bowls as about 200 are needed to meet our commitment to the nursing homes at Christmas.

Pyrography:

Firstly, let me thank the Committee for all their hard work holding CCWT together during the Covid shut down and re-opening. It is great to see the doors fully open again and I look forward to the pyrography group receiving new members.

During Covid I assisted one member to learn her pyro machine as well as two new members who have been working from home.

During our last successful fair, we received new members interested in learning pyrography. My aim is to show members the three different types of pyro machines and teach them the basics so they can safely play around with their machine and to assist them as and when needed, to offer encouragement and to encourage them to try new ideas as well as being active members of CCWT.

Valda Barton

Merchandise:

✚ There are lots of items for sale in our shop. See Kerry or Laurie for details.

General Business:

President Peter asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Glenda McClure for her generous donation of seasoned timber and other materials to the Club. Over \$300 has been raised for the Toy Fund from sales of this wood to members. The Secretary will attend to this matter.

Dead Penguins - I never knew this!

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica? Where do they all go?

Wonder no more! It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird and lives an extremely ordered and complex life. Penguins are extremely committed to their family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with their offspring throughout the remainder of their life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and their social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using only their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried.

After packing the ice back in the hole, the male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow."

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You really didn't believe that I know anything about penguins, did you?

Brian Wilson will re-introduce the Train the Trainer course for interested members. Three members of the Wyong Men's Shed will also participate. The training will commence in two weeks.

Members using the workshop have been reminded to wear name badges. (Especially with so many new members.) Kerry suggested that a "badge board" be placed in the lunch room where the member's badges can be kept.

Members were reminded that the editor/producer of the Hobbyturner would appreciate suitable material from members for possible inclusion.

Kerry Robertson asked how members were notified of the death of fellow members. This information is forwarded to members by Alan Smith when he receives such notices.

Peter Kun requested the EFTPOS machine for the Harvest Festival. Meeting agreed to this request.

He informed the meeting that some members are not receiving the Hobbyturner. A new list of members who do not have an e-mail address

needs to be compiled.

Sales dates need to be put in the Hobbyturner and displayed in the lunch-room.

Next Meeting:

General meeting will be on Saturday 5th June commencing at 12.30pm

Board meeting will be on Friday 4th June 2021 commencing at 8.00am

The meeting closed at 1.25pm





Larry, the clumsy carpenter, was using his table saw and leaned in close to check he was following the line he had marked on the plank. ZANNGGG! His left ear gets neatly severed, tumbles through the air and lands in the pile of sawdust.

Screaming in pain and panic, Larry drops to the ground, one hand pressed

against his head and the other sifting through the sawdust.

Joe, hearing the commotion, races over to help. When Larry tells him what happened, Joe starts searching too.

Suddenly Joe pulls a bloody left ear from the sawdust, "Is this it Larry?" he asks.

Larry takes a look and then goes back to searching. "Nah, mine had a pencil behind it."

My son said, "Dad, when was the first time you fell in love?"

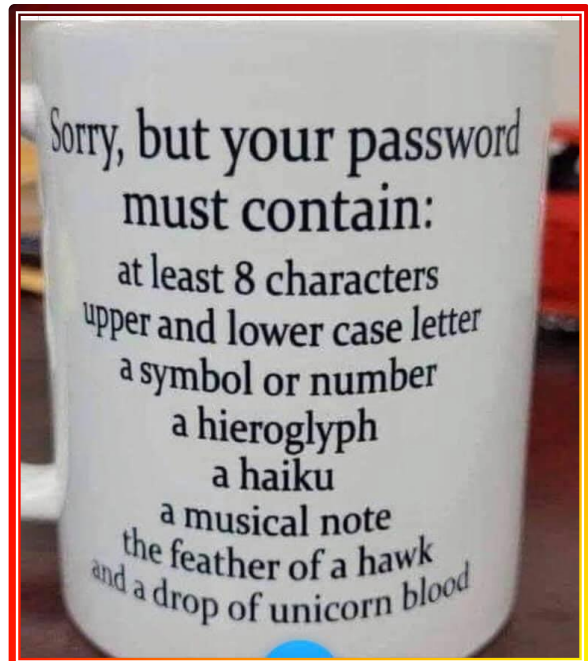
I said, "I was 18. I walked into a bar and spotted the most gorgeous blonde I'd ever seen. Cupid fired his arrow the second I saw her."

He said, "So what happened?"

I said, "Nothing. Unfortunately, the arrow missed and hit your Mother."

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be a
monthly meeting this
Saturday
5th of June, 2021.
It starts at 12.30pm in
the Gym.
There will be no
BBQ beforehand.



The Things We Do...

Some of us are content to potter around in our sheds and make a few things for the family or maybe, make a whole host of masterpieces for sales. Others though, like Brian W, aka Skeeta, take on foreign orders from folks who are desperate to have family heirlooms fixed or new items created. Here is one of his projects:

Antique (1840) Dowry chest:



Just a project to while away the time.
Antique(1840) Dowry chest(now has feet).
African made in India from teak.
Brass and copper.
Washed with vinegar and lemon.
Revealed with Tung oil. This stops air and
corrosion of copper/Brass.
Has pride of place with client.
... Skeeta.

AGM:

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at our September meeting.

We need new faces on the Board so please consider standing for a position or nominating someone else (with their permission, of course).

New Board members do not just get thrown in the deep end. There is always lots of support and mentoring from other Board members, both past and present.

If you want to nominate yourself or someone else then please copy and complete this short form:



CCWT 2016 AGM: Nomination Form Information.

Name of Nominee:

Signature of nominee:

Position (circle): President... Secretary... Treasurer... Board Member

Nominated by:

Seconded by:

Please get to Peter Hamilton or Dom Pirlo asap to allow time to organise the ballot.

Christmas Party 31st October:

Our Christmas Party has been booked for 31st October at the "Rusty Udder" in the Old Milk Factory at Wyong.

Cost: \$45

Starting at 11.30am for 12 noon lunch.

All bookings will be finalised on 1st October to allow for catering organisation (maximum of 60).

To book and pay see John "Rooster" Lea at the workshop.



A mate of mine, who was born in Switzerland and was a sergeant in their armed forces, rang me the other day telling me he married a beautiful, very talented woman, I congratulated him and asked what her talents were. He told me that she could wash the dishes with one hand, cook dinner with the other hand, while mopping the floor with one foot and feeding the dog with her other foot... all whilst opening my beer with her mouth.

You guessed it she's a Swiss Army Wife.

My phone just randomly changed to all Chinese characters.

I could call Telstra or just save time and learn Chinese.

I was showing my doctor a nasty rash that has appeared in my groin area today.

He seemed pretty uncomfortable and didn't want to touch it.

All he said was "Please make an appointment at the surgery" and then carried on with his bloody shopping.

My mother-in-law asked me "If you hate me so much, why is my photo on the fireplace?"

I replied "To keep the kids away from the fire"

What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month. Old Milk Factory Wyong.	Skeeta
Woodturning	Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays: 8 – 12	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling	Every Saturday of the month 8 – 12.	Clarry Rogers, Ron Dunn
Carving	Mondays 8.30 – 2.	Kevin West, Sue Wood
Pyrography	Every 2 nd Saturday of the month 8 - 12	Valda Barton

****Note:** The Club's Workshop is located in the Old Dairy Co-op premises at 141 Alison Rd, Alison (about two kilometres west of Wyong).

All of the above times are subject to change on long weekends and holidays.
Check with organizers for details.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, the weather has cooled off and it's currently 8⁰C and raining at my place. It's a good time to be grateful that most of us have nice warm homes to go to, nourishing food and warm beds to sleep in.

Over the last couple of winters I've grown to idolise and appreciate a man called George Crowley. He invented the electric blanket and he is now a hero of mine.

Unfortunately though, not everyone is as fortunate as most of us. Some are doing it very tough and sleeping rough on the streets...often, through no fault of their own.

So, spare a thought for these folks and if you get the opportunity to help or support them, please do so. There are many organisations around that constantly need our input through donations of either time or money, so that they may cater for the needs of the less fortunate in our society.

Our club has been supporting Central Coast Outreach through our Toy Fund for several years now with donations of toys, both new and handcrafted, and Big W gift vouchers. They are an extremely worthwhile group who do wondrous things for the local community, especially for those struggling with the most basic of life's needs.

So, if you want to help out then please support our club Toy Fund.

John Lea, aka Rooster, will no doubt try to lighten your wallets and purses at some stage, either through raffles, the sale of timber or by some other means. It all goes to the Toy Fund and is then passed on to kids and families in need. It is a very worthy endeavour and deserving of our support. Our thanks go to Rooster for his continued excellent work in this area.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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E-mail: smiff@bigpond.net.au

Come Visit My Shed:

These members have volunteered their services but please do them the courtesy of phoning up first to arrange a mutually beneficial time to meet. Don't just turn up.

Laurie Luthje	4390 3105	Eric Charles	4390 8460	Ron Gibbs	4388 2675
Kerry Robertson	4334 1565	Bill Allen	4328 3331	Barry Peick	4372 2069
Eric Lysaght	4339 3445	Bob Bamforth	4340 5262		

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TO BEAUTIFUL DESTINATIONS!**